

the necessary staff to support that. So I think that is part of the staffing pattern, too, that we now have... Senator Carsten has his hands full with a Select Committee and Senator Warner has just finished one on post-secondary Telecommunications that Senator Clark chairs certainly has met several times so certainly we are talking about staff support, other kinds of support for this Legislature on almost a full time basis and I think that that ought to be part of the record.

SENATOR SAVAGE: The Chair recognizes Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would like to give a little support to some of the things that have been said this morning. First of all, Senator Murphy indicated that he thought that orientation would be very valuable. As a relatively new member of the Legislature, I appreciate the orientation that I had. I guess maybe he is talking about something a little longer and more in depth which I wouldn't be in any position to criticize at this moment because the orientation that I received was very valuable and very much appreciated and I think we ought to give full attention to this as we...as full attention as we possibly can. I would like also to mention a couple of things and one of them is the staff that we have available for us in Dr. Rodgers office. They have been of great help to our office. During the interim, many times I have been in contact with Mrs. Nelson and she has gone to Dr. Rodgers office and he has assigned her a staff member that has searched the statutes and come up with valuable information that we can use and I don't think I ever even mentioned my gratitude to anybody for that but I really do appreciate it. One other thing, Mr. President, I wonder when these people who represent the Legislature at these area and national committee meetings and conventions and workshops and so forth, if it wouldn't be valuable if we could get some kind of a report for them that would be presented to the whole Legislature and I guess I don't mean just a written report. I think we would do well to take a little time out of the schedule that we have, and we know it is always full anyway, but I think it would be a good indication to the rest of us what we are doing here and what the money is bringing back to the Legislature and the State of Nebraska. Thank you.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Is there any other discussion? That will complete the explanation, then, of the Legislative Council Budget by Senator Marvel. At this time, I would like to introduce 16 senior high students from Litchfield, Nebraska, with their instructor, Mr. Ron Street. They are in the North balcony. They are in Senator Rasmussen's District but Senator Rasmussen has been excused the last couple of days due to the death of his father and is not present in the Legislature so we would like to welcome you if you will rise and be recognized. We will now go to LB 953.

CLERK: Mr. President, there are no E & R amendments to LB 953. There are, however, Appropriation Committee amendments offered by Senator Warner.

SENATOR SAVAGE: The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Senator Jerome Warner.